GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4622
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2003
POOJA AT QUTAB MINAR
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had made an abortive bid to perform Pooja in the premises of the Qutab Minar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against the persons responsible for disrupting the communal harmony by organising such deeds; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): The attempts made to organize `pooja` in the Complex did not succeed as police took timely action, as permissible under law, against the organizers. The Government is firmly committed to maintain peace and communal harmony in the country.